



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**Federal Railroad
Administration**

Administrator

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Mr. Burkhardt:

In the aftermath of the Montreal, Maine and Atlantic Railway (MMA) derailment at Lac Megantic, Canada I was shocked to see that you changed your operating procedures to use two-person crews on trains in Canada, but not in the United States. Because the risk associated with this accident also exists in the United States, it is my expectation that the same safety procedures will apply to your operations here.

Federal Railroad Administration Safety Advisory 2013-06 clearly states the U.S. Department of Transportation's belief that safety is enhanced with multiple crew members.

I look forward to your written response confirming the use of two-person crews in the United States.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph C. Szabo', written in a cursive style.

Joseph C. Szabo
Administrator